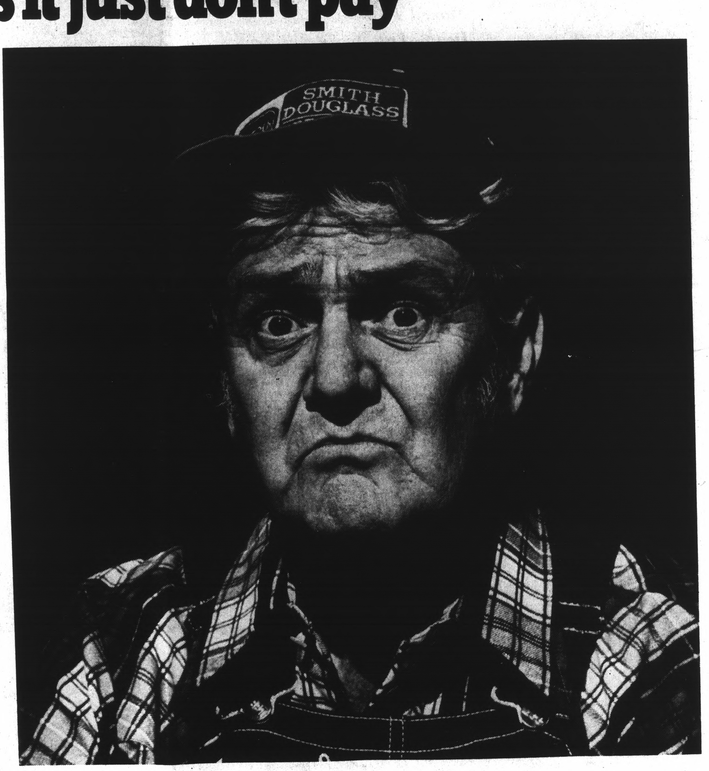
"The tractor won't start.
The hens won't lay.
And there's a leak in the smoke house roof. Now they tell me Lynchburg Federal has changed their name to American Federal.

Some days it just don't pay to get up."



Don't fret.
The only thing we're changing is our name. You see, we've grown to cover a lot more than Lynchburg. And, besides, the bicentennial seemed like a good time to go American.

But some things you just don't tamper with. Our savings rates are as friendly as ever and so are our people.

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Father Darkleaf

By
Calvin H. Robinson

Seventy-Six being an Election Year as well as our Bicentennial, I was interested in a huge 80-page catalog of "Campaign Specialties." That's for the well-heeled candidate and his supporters who distribute everything from door-knob hangers to car toppers, from rain bonnets to buttons, from litterbags to balloons, from sashes to shopping bags, from sewing kits to key chains, from pencils to pot holders, book matches to pocket combs. Personally, I am a flop as a button wearer or billboard. But if'n I can make up my mind, I aim to be in the voting booth on Election Day. You, too.

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A lass and alack, the ACHS girls basketball team finally lost a game, but an eleven to one record is great and we are tournament-bound.

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History minded readers glory in the very mention of the name Robert E. Lee, and local and area residents treasure the memory of the Dedication of the rebuilt McLean House when uncounted thousands of wonderful people gathered to honor "The reconciliation of Gentlemen with Gentlemen" at Appomattox. At the dedication top billing went to young Robert E. Lee IV and Major Gen., ret., U.S. Grant III. Mr. Lee is now a business executive and spoke before the Lynchburg Advertising Federation Tuesday evening.

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Nothing like a warming trend in the weather to send you back to the seed catalogs, and dreams of getting the garden spot plowed and away to an early start. February is an unpredictable month and this year, being Leap Year, we have an extra day of it. Had I designed the calendars I would have given an extra day to June, or maybe even October.

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At my desk is a recent copy of the American Collector magazine, and thanks to Mrs. Rufus Cawthorne for bringing it along on a recent visit. Heavens to Betsy, advertise antiques and all the world beats a path to your door. And there are so many specialists in the hobby of collecting. My collection hobbies centered around sea shells, electric trains & Indian relics, along with Appomattoxiana. Now I try to collect bills marked "Paid". The simple truth is that we are living in times when in most every home they seek something old, something new & the welcome sign is out for those interested.

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Sorry to hear of the death of Col. Russell F. Akers, Jr., USA ret. He was a distinguished son of this area and had a brilliant career.

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Brightleaf says thanks to all those who have remembered her since she sustained a broken arm early in December. Another month in a cast, and then she will **March** right into her birthday month of **April** and **May** even watch me mower the lawn in **June**.

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History once again. I do not object if business concerns use the Bicentennial theme, in good taste . . . and keep the flags flying . . . George Washington's favorite horse was a sorrel named Nelson . . . nor did Washington wear a wig. His hair was light brown and he powdered it . . . and his salary as President was $25,000 a year . . . a salute to the school classes going all out in the Bicentennial for study, research and essay on history. YOU are America. Lift up your head and be proud to be in on a saga of achievement, and resolve to keep Appomattox A Growing Town. Thanks for reading, and seeya next week.

Efforts To Control Odors At Riverville On Schedule

RICHMOND - Design and construction work on a program to control objectionable odors at the Riverville pulp mill of Virginia Fibre Corp. continued on or ahead of schedule in January, the company has informed the State Air Pollution Control Board.

The firm is under a consent order to have all odor corrective equipment installed and operating at the mill in Amherst County by June 1. The order requires Virginia Fibre to report its progress monthly to the air board in the meantime.

In the first phase of its two-phase plan for control, the company is to install a spray condenser tank system to trap those gases that are condensable. The consent order calls for this system to be in operation by March 1.

However, this phase is not expected to bring the main reduction in odors, since much of the odorous gases is not condensable. The company's control plan projects the chief improvement to come with Phase Two, which involves installing a system to transfer the noncondensable gases into a plant boiler and incinerate them.

It is this system that is earmarked for June 1 operation.

Bloodmobile Visit Set For Feb. 24

The Red Cross Bloodmobile will make its fourth of five visits for the fiscal year to Appomattox County on Tues., Feb. 24, 1976.

The bloodmobile will set up at Liberty Baptist Church from noon until 6 p.m. and a total of 102 units of blood are needed to meet the quota for this visit.

A nursery will be provided and seventeen year olds are again reminded that they can donate blood with parental consent.

The blood program in Appomattox County is sponsored by the Appomattox Junior Woman's Club with Mrs. Mary Catherine Whitehead as their representative.

Mrs. Ben Harvey is assistant to Rev. Earnie Lucas who is Chairman of the Appomattox County Blood Program.

Banks Announce Holiday Schedule

American Federal Savings & Loan Association; Farmers National Bank; Fidelity National Bank; and First National Bank of Farmville, Pamplin City Branch will be closed Monday, February 16, 1976 in observance of George Washington's birthday.

All banks will operate on regular schedule beginning Tuesday morning.

Winner Of Virginia Farm Bureau Award

Herbert H. Goodman

Herbert H. Goodman, CLU, of Buckingham county was a winner of a quota buster award at the annual Virginia Farm Bureau Presidents - Advisors Conference held at Hotel Roanoke Tuesday night.

Goodman also was named the outstanding district advisor of the year by the VFBMIC. He was also recognized for producing more than $1 million in life insurance during 1975.

More than 350 county presidents, advisors and FB leaders attended the two-day conference to map 1976 membership and service programs for the state's largest farm organization.

Advisors were honored for their sales achievements in 1975, and county organizations received recognition for membership gains.

During 1975 Farm Bureau membership set a record of 37,720 member families. This year's goal is to exceed 40,000.

County Farm Bureau has reported membership gains during the first month of 1976 to be above that of last year.

Local Rescue Squad Had 47 Calls In January

During the month of January volunteer members of the Appomattox County Rescue Squad responded to a total of 47 emergency calls. Five persons were given first aid at the scene of five automobile accidents and four persons required oxygen in route to the hospital.

In answering the 47 calls, volunteers spent 182½ man hours and traveled a total of 1976 miles.

A breakdown of the calls is as follows: chest pains, 2; false calls, 2; transports at doctor's request, 8; dead on arrival, 3; unknown illness, 6; diabetic, 1; gun shot wound, 1; strokes, 3; heart attack, 1; broken bones, 2; overdose, 2; breathing difficulty, 4; wrecks, 5; falls, 5; stand-by at fire, 1; and drunk, 1. In addition to the calls, a first aid demonstration was given to a group of Girl Scouts.

Two Advanced First Aid and Emergency Care classes are being taught by three instructors from the squad. One on Monday nights and one on Friday nights.

TOWN OF PAMPLIN ELECTION SET FOR MAY 4, 1976

Candidates for Mayor and candidates for council for the Town of Pamplin are now signing up for the May 4th Town Election.

All interested persons may sign up at the Office of the Clerk of the Circuit Court in Appomattox prior to March 2, 1976. For further information, phone 248-6514.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE FOR POST OFFICE

Local Post Offices will be operating on holiday schedule Monday, Feb. 16, in observance of George Washington's birthday.

There will be no mail service at the Post Office in Pamplin.

There will be no window service and no rural delivery in Appomattox.

Mail will be received in Appomattox at 6 a.m. and will be distributed to town lock boxes.

Special Delivery mail will be delivered with in the town limits. Mail will be dispatched at 8:55 a.m. only.

Lions Club To Meet Tonight

The Appomattox Lions Club will meet tonight, Thursday at Maudes Restaurant at 6:45 p.m.

Dr. J. B. Kinlaw, Director, Appomattox County Health Department will present the program for the evening. He will be introduced by Dr. J. A. Mathews.

All members are urged to attend.

Park Service Announces Planning Meeting For Appomattox Park

The National Park Service will hold a public meeting at Appomattox February 25 to seek ideas from the public on a general management plan for Appomattox Court House National Historical Park.

A general management plan provides the basic guidelines for the protection and operation of the park by park managers.

"Although we have in hand a master plan prepared four years ago by a consulting firm, we encourage alternative suggestions," says park superintendent H. Gilbert Lusk.

The public meeting will be preceded by 10 small workshops at which various interest groups have been invited to submit their ideas.

"Our hope is that from this variety of input we will formulate a general management plan that will provide for the wisest use of our present resources and for future development. Once we have drafted a final plan, the public will be given a chance to review it," Lusk emphasized.

The public meeting will be held at Appomattox County High School Wed., Feb. 15, 7:30 p.m. For further information, contact Superintendent, Appomattox Court House Naitonal Historical Park, P. O. Box 218, Appomattox, VA 24522 or call the park at 804-352-8987.

Girl Scout Cookie Sale Begins Saturday

The Appomattox County Girl Scouts, along with all units of the Virginia Skyline Girl Scout Council, will be taking orders for Girl Scout cookies February 14 through February 28.

The Council's goal this year is 400,000 boxes of cookies. There are five different kinds, samoas, assorted creams, butter trefoils, mints and peanut butter. They sell for $1.25 per box and will be delivered after March 24.

There will be approximately 122 girls selling cookies from the Appomattox Service Unit. Those selling will be Brownie Troop 308 of Appomattox, Junior Troop 322 of Appomattox, Junior Troop 336, Spout Spring, Junior Troop 357 of Concord and Cadette Troop 311 of Appomattox.

The Cookie Sale is the chief means of financing the Girl Scout Organization, locally as well as the entire council. The council provides adequate camping facilities for girls to learn about nature and have fun.

Girl Scout activities help our girls to grow to be better citizens and leaders of tomorrow.

Annual Highway Safety Sunday

RICHMOND - Virginia will participate in the 11th annual Highway Safety Sunday, Feb. 22, to focus attention on the moral aspects of everyday driving.

"We have asked religious leaders to help us promote highway safety by devoting part of their February 22 activities to the responsibilities of operating vehicles on public roadways," according to John T. Hanna, director, Highway Safety Division of Virginia.

"Alcohol is one particular area where motorists need to consider their actions. Some motorists, who otherwise are considerate and safe drivers, don't stop to think before they drink and drive. Many people simply don't realize that alcohol, like any other strong drug, is dangerous when abused," concluded Hanna.

One Parcel Holds Up Court Street Project

Henry B. Pack, Mayor of the Town of Appomattox, is shown above reviewing deed to Appomattox Hotel property that the town purchased this week as step number one of the proposed downtown redevelopment project.

Yes, it is possible for the Town of Appomattox to lose the Court Street project.

The Town of Appomattox, approximately five years ago, made initial plans for the Court Street project to include reconstruction complete with curb and guttering and sidewalks. To acquire the necessary property, 44 parcels of land were involved. The town has acquired 43 of the 44 parcels. The one remaining parcel, the one holding up the entire project, is that owned by Jamerson & King Realty Company.

If the Court Street project is completed it will provide on and off street drainage, eliminate some safety hazards, and will improve traffic circulation. The project will include Court Street from the stop-light at the intersection of Court Street and Route 460 to the corner of Court and Main Streets.

The Virginia Department of Highways would like to start work immediately on the proposed project but everything is at a stand-still awaiting the acquisition of the Jamerson & King Realty Company parcel of land.

Funds have been appropriated by the Department of Highways but if the town is unable to deliver the necessary right-of-way, the Virginia Department of Highways will have no alternative but to transfer funds to another project. To this point, 43 of the 44 parcels needed to get the project underway have been acquired.

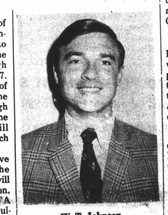
Council meeting in regular session on Monday night endorsed a resolution in support of a study of the 911 telephone system as recommended by the Emergency Medical Services Advisory Council of the Central Virginia Health Planning Council.

In other business, council went on record in support of legislation which would put deposits on beer and soft drink containers.

A letter was introduced to council from Senator A. Joe Canada, Jr. asking that council support this legislation. Council favored the legislation because it would save the consumer money, it would save the consumer tax money by cutting down on litter pick-up, it would help to conserve natural resources by cutting down on solid waste, it would not have a disruptive effect on employment, and it would not cut down on consumption of beer and, therefore, would not result in a loss of revenue from excise tax on beer.

Council also went on record opposing House Bill 441 that would extend the moritorium on the Business, Professional, Occupational License Tax for another year. They felt that local government can not sit back while further limits are being placed on the already limited revenue sources.

Ag Ed Teachers To Meet Tuesday



W. T. Johnson

About seventy teachers of agricultural education in Southside Virginia are expected to attend a conference in the Appomattox County High School, Tuesday, February 17. L. W. Fannon, instructor of agriculture education in the Charlotte Central Junior High School and president of the fourteen-county group, will preside over the sessions which will begin at 4:30 p.m.

W. T. Johnson, Executive Secretary-Treasurer of the Virginia Association FFA, will make the keynote presentation. His topic will be "FFA Horizons '76." Others scheduled to make presentations are R. B. Carter, member of the State Advisory Council on Vocationla Education, and Doug Bradley, State FFA Secretary.

The group will be welcomed to Appomattox by Cecil B. Tillery, principal of the Appomattox County High School. Special guests of the teachers will be VPI&SU agricultural education seniors doing student teaching in Southside Area. They are Tim Stephens and Roger Zimmerman, Appomattox County High School; Carla Kirts and Champ Hardie, William Campbell High School; and Kirk Krebs, Bluestone Senior High School.

Mrs. Hopkins Named Chairman For 1976 Heart Campaign

Mrs. Delories Hopkins, receptionist and bookkeeper for Dr. W. P. Giesler in Appomattox, has been named Chairman of the 1976 Heart Fund drive in Appomattox County.

As head of the campaign, which will take place during the month of February, Mrs. Hopkins will coordinate the efforts of community volunteers who will visit all residential areas during the month to distribute heart-saving information and collect funds to support research, educational and community service programs sponsored by the Piedmont Heart Association. She replaces Tommy Matthews who served as Chairman for the past several years.

In accepting the appointment, Mrs. Hopkins said heart disease is the number one killer in the nation. Over a million Americans will die of heart attack and blood vessel diseases this year. This represents 52 percent of deaths from all causes in the country.

These statistics underscore the vital need for public support of the Heart Fund drive and residents are asked to give generously when the Heart volunteer calls.

Mrs. Mary Watt Matthews will again serve as Chairman of Memorial Gifts.

HEART FUND VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Mrs. Hopkins has issued an appeal to county residents for volunteers to aid in the local drive which began Feb. 1, 1976. These volunteers are needed to call on friends and neighbors with information on reducing the risk of heart disease and how to recognize the early warning signs of heart attack and stroke. Volunteers will also collect contributions for increased research, educational and community programs to help fight the nation's leading cause of death.

Volunteers may register by calling 352-5460 after 5 p.m.

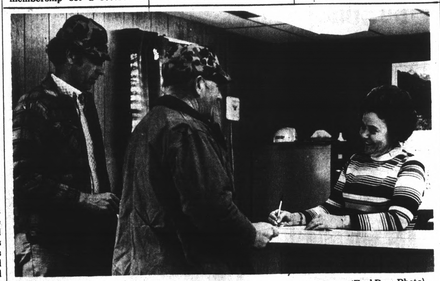
1976 CAMPAIGN GOAL SET

The Piedmont Heart Association has set a goal of $3,000.00 for its 1976 Heart Fund drive in Appomattox County, for which plans are currently underway.

Remember, funds collected during February - American Heart Month - will support educational and community programs as well as research, a prime function of the Heart Association, Mrs. Hopkins, Heart Fund Campaign Chairman said.

During Heart Month, more than 85 in Appomattox County will join over two million Heart Association volunteers throughout the country to distribute heart-saving information and collect funds to support programs of the Heart Association.

Please give generously when your Heart Fund volunteer calls. Your Heart Association needs your help!



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Happy Hunting-Start With Westvaco's Paige Harvey

Paige (Mrs. Lathan) Harvey of Appomattox issues two of more than 7,000 hunting permits for the 1975-76 season Westvaco's Virginia Woodlands to Melvin Jones (left) and Pete Drinkard. Mrs. Harvey is secretary to Westvaco's Virginia Woodlands Manager Joseph M. Crockett of Lynchburg. Mrs. Harvey joined Timberlands in 1963. Crockett credits her enthusiasm and interest with helping double the hunting permit program in five years. "I love growing roses," Mrs. Harvey says, "but I have more luck with ceramics." She doesn't hunt, but she does enjoy cooking game for her husband and son. "The stories are even more fun," she laughs. Westvaco's multiple-use forest management provides for timber, water quality, and wildlife habitat on almost 100,000 acres in the Virginia Piedmont, of which about 4,000 acres are cooperatively managed with the Virginia Commission of Game and Inland Fisheries.

FBLA Week Is Observed At ACHS

On Monday of this week, Mayor H. B. Pack signed a proclaimation declaring February 9-13 as FBLA Week. Shown above with the Mayor are Susan Hamlin, President of the local FBLA Chapter, on the left, and on the right, Betty Cheatham, Vice President.

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